1	2	3
3	Bihar	0.27
4.	Delhi	81.69
5.	Gujarat	0.05
6	Haryana	0.16
7.	Kerala	0.05
8.	Karnataka	0.08
9.	Orissa	0.05
10.	Punjab	222.52
11.	Pondicherry	0.08
12.	Rajasthan	0.68
13.	Tamil Nadu	19.15
14	Uttar Pradesh	40.99
15	West Bengal	7.11
	Total	416.73

[English]

Meeting of Central Board of Fisheries

2640 SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Board of Fisheries has made any recommendations on the fisheries at their meeting held in Bangalore;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). The recommendations made by the Central Board of Fisheries in their meeting held in Bangalore on 6th November, 1996 for development of fisheries in the country are given in the statement enclosed.

(c) The recommendations have been received very recently.

STAEMENT

Recommendations made by the Central Board of Fisheries in the meeting held on 6.11.1996

1. The old pattern of subsidy for High Speed Diesel Oil (HSD) may be restored and the National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen may be sanctioned immediately.

2. A Task Force may be set up to make a study of the resources and draw up proposals for schemes on fisheries development for the North-Eastern States.

3 (i) Ovaprim replacement should be produced indigenously with the help of research and development programmes to be taken up by Institutes of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

3 (ii) The ICAR Research Institute(s) should develop the technology for commercial seed production of other carps, cat fishes, air-breathing fishes an other species of commercial significance.

3 (iii) Adequate support may be provided by the States and Union Territories to the private sector for giving necessary boost to the entrepreneurs for seed production.

3 (iv) The modalities for certification and standardisation of fish seed should be worked out and necessary legislative backing provided.

4 (i) Systematic charting and ecological studies of rivers including deep pools which may be declared as sanctuaries for conservation of fish germplams should be taken up. A strong data base on fisheries and the ecology of all major river systems should be developed. The Central Government and the States should take up programmes for updating studies on the status of our rivers.

4 (ii) Steps should be taken for improvement and provision of spawning facilities for major caprs in areas where embankments for flood control have been constructed. Re-identification of crap breeding grounds and their protection through adequate legislative support should be considered.

4 (iii) Government support should be provided for revival of fisheries of jheels, beels and mans which have ceased to receive fish seed-bearing water during floods from the rivers due to flood control measures.

4 (iv) Steps should be taken for utilisation of irrigation canals for fish culture by stocking fish fingerlings.

4 (v) State Governments may evolve a suitable leasing policy keeping in view the need for settling small-scale fishermen. A uniform and long-term leasing policy for fishing rights in riverine stretches may be formulated.

5 (i) Programmes for identification and monitoring of the parameters that have a direct bearing on fish health may be taken up by the States/UTs in close association with the Research Institutes and Fisheries Colleges of the State Agricultural Universities.

5 (ii) States should take steps for implementation of the Guidelines on

Brackishwater Aquaculture issued by the Ministry of agriculture, Govt. of India.

5 (iii) Government of India should formulate and issue Guidelines for freshwater aquaculture.

6 (i) All States may implement and complete the scheme on Development of Inland Fisheries Statistics during the Ninth Five Year Plan so that accurate data of production from inland fishery resources could be compiled.

6 (ii) The survey on assessment of fish production in Fish Farmer's Development Agencies (FFDAs) may be carried out by all the States and Union Territory of Pondicherry from 1996-97 onwards.

Para-Military Forces

2641 SHRI A.C. JOS
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to raise two Para-Military Battalions for BSF and CRPF by recruiting surrendered militants of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has approved the raising of 1 Bn. each of the BSF and CRPF which would provide an opportunity of recruitment to the surrendered militants in Jammu and Kashmir. The estimated expenditure on this account will be Rs. 68.53 crore. The concerned organisations and the State Government have been advised to take action further for raising these Battalions expeditiously.

Prices of Coconut

2642 SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a steep fall in the prices of coconut;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to arrest the decline in its prices and also to ensure remunerative prices for the coconut?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (c) The wholesale price index of copra during the week ending 16.11.1996 (the latest) has been 29.4 per cent higher compared to the corresponding period last year. The ruling market prices of copra are also ruling above the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) announced by the Government for the 1996 season.

[Translation]

Programmes for Minority

2643 SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) details of the programmes implemented for the welfare of minorities in Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Union Government are monitoring the implementation of various programmes for the welfare of minorities in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount spent on these programmes in the State during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) The following programmes are being implemented for the welfare of minorities all over the country including the State of Maharashtra :

(i) the pre-examination Coaching Scheme for Weaker Sections based on Economic Criteria is being implemented since 1992-93 for the target group consisting of minorities and Socially and Educationally Backward Classes with a annual income of Rs. 24,000/- per annum.

(ii) The National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation is providing loan facilities since September 1994 at concessional rate of interest to the backward sections among minorities. The NMDFC implements its Scheme through the State Channelising agencies. Name of such agency in Maharashtra is Mahatma Phule Backward Classes Financial Corporation.

(iii) The Scheme of Multi-sectoral Development Plan is being implemented in the minority concentration districts with a view to asesess the requrements of credit, technological, training and marketing support required for carrying out such activities and the means through which they can be arranged. This Scheme is implemented through the concerned State Govts.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Ministry of Welfare monitors the progress of the implementation of Pre-examination Coaching Scheme on the basis of quarterly reports submitted to the Ministry by the voluntary organisations engaged in coaching activities through the State Government of Maharashtra.